

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A golf tee marker [[(1)]] comprising a body [[(3)]] surmounting a ground engaging portion and having in a top surface thereof a well [[(4)]] for receiving therein a ground engaging portion of another marker [[(1)]] for stacking markers [[(1)]] in a column, the well [[(4)]] having a drain hole [[(5)]] to avoid accumulation of liquid therein.
2. (Currently amended) A golf tee marker [[(1)]] according to claim 1, wherein ground engaging portion is at least one spike [[(2)]].
3. (Currently amended) A golf tee marker [[(1)]] according to claim 1, wherein the well [[(4)]] has inwardly inclined side walls [[(6)]] to facilitate entry and fitting of the ground engaging portion of another marker [[(1)]].
4. (Currently amended) A golf tee marker [[(1)]] according to claim 1, further comprising a fixed or detachable flange [[(7)]] disposed beneath the body [[(3)]] and parallel with an underside of the body [[(3)]] within the body's [[(3)]] perimeter to facilitate manipulation of the marker [[(1)]].
5. (Currently amended) A golf tee marker [[(1)]] according to claim 4, further comprising, beneath the body [[(3)]] a protective member to cushion impact and prevent direct contact between the bodies [[(3)]] of the markers [[(1)]] upon stacking.
6. (Currently amended) A golf tee marker [[(1)]] according to claim 1, wherein the drain hole [[(5)]] runs from the bottom of the well [[(4)]] to a periphery on the underside of the body [[(3)]].

7. (Currently amended) A golf tee marker [[(1)]] according to claim 6, wherein an exit of the drain hole [[(5)]] is positioned such that, when markers [[(1)]] are vertically stacked, liquid exiting the drain hole [[(5)]] will not enter into the marker [[(1)]] below.

8. (Currently amended) A golf tee marker [[(1)]] comprising:

a body [[(3)]] surmounting at least one spike [[(2)]] for spiking into the ground and having a spike well [[(4)]] in an upper surface thereof for receiving therein a spike [[(2)]] or spikes [[(2)]] of another marker [[(1)]] for stacking in a column;

the spike well [[(4)]] having a drain hole [[(5)]] to avoid accumulation of liquid therein;

the spike well [[(4)]] having inwardly inclined side walls [[(6)]] to facilitate entry and fitting of a spike [[(2)]];

a removable or fixed flange [[(7)]] attached beneath, and parallel to, the underside of the body [[(3)]] and within the body's [[(3)]] perimeter, to assist placement of the marker; [[(1).]]

a resilient washer [[(8)]] disposed beneath the body [[(3)]] for inhibiting direct contact between the bodies [[(3)]] of stacked markers [[(1)]].

9. (Currently amended) A pickup and placement cylinder [[(13)]] for stackable golf tee markers [[(1)]] comprising:

an elongated cylindrical housing for housing markers [[(1)]] therein and having an opening at an end thereof for allowing ingress and egress of markers [[(1)]]; and

means to selectively gather and place the markers [[(1)]].

10. (Currently amended) A pickup and placement cylinder [[(13)]] for stackable golf tee markers [[(1)]] comprising:

a housing for housing markers [[(1)]] in a cavity formed by the housing and having a closed end and an opening at an opposite end thereof for allowing ingress and egress of the markers [[(1)]]; and

a gear [[(19)]] disposed at the closed end for rotating a plurality of gears [[(21)]] attached to a plurality of rods [[(15)]] running lengthwise of the housing and outside of the cavity;

a plurality of top and bottom catches ~~(16 and 17)~~ connected to each of the rods [[(15)]] for allowing selective entrance, exit and manipulation of the markers [[(1)]] by jutting in and out of the cavity, the bottom catches [[(17)]] being adjacent the cylinder opening and the top catches [[(16)]] being spaced therefrom a distance less than the height of a marker [[(1)]];

the catches having first, second and third positions, wherein in said first position, the bottom catches [[(17)]] are retracted to allow a marker [[(1)]] to enter and exit the cylinder and the top catches [[(16)]] jut out into the cylinder cavity to act as a stop for markers [[(1)]] having their undersides below the level of the top catches [[(16)]];

in said second position, the top catches [[(16)]] are retracted to allow a marker [[(1)]] to drop down which will be caught by the bottom catches [[(17)]] jut out; and

in said third position the bottom catches [[(17)]] jut out so as to be positioned between a flange and an underside of a marker [[(1)]] and bear down upon the flange, pushing the marker [[(1)]] into the ground.

11. (Currently amended) A pickup and placement cylinder [[(13)]] according to claim 10, further comprising a fourth position, said fourth position having both the top and bottom catches ~~(16 and 17)~~ retracted to allow the markers [[(1)]] to move freely in the cylinder [[(13)]].

12. (Currently amended) A pickup and placement cylinder [[(13)]] according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~ claim 9, wherein the golf tee marker [[(1)]] comprises a body [[(3)]] surmounting a ground engaging portion and having in a top surface thereof a well [[(4)]] for receiving therein a ground engaging portion of another marker [[(1)]] for stacking markers [[(1)]] in a column, the well [[(4)]] having a drain hole [[(5)]] to avoid accumulation of liquid therein.

13. (Currently amended) A transport and storage tube [[(29)]] for stacking golf tee markers [[(1)]] comprising a cavity for holding stacked markers [[(1)]] therein, a handle [[(30)]] pivotably attached to an open upper end of the tube [[(29)]] for receiving markers [[(1)]] therein, the tube [[(29)]] having a closed end having a recess formed therein for receiving a spike [[(2)]] of a lowermost marker [[(1)]].

14. (Currently amended) A transport and storage tube [[(29)]] according to claim 13, wherein the golf tee marker [[(1)]] comprises a body [[(3)]] surmounting a ground engaging portion and having in a top surface thereof a well [[(4)]] for receiving therein a ground engaging portion of another marker [[(1)]] for stacking markers [[(1)]] in a column, the well [[(4)]] having a drain hole [[(5)]] to avoid accumulation of liquid therein.

15. (Currently amended) A transport and storage tube [[(29)]] according to claim 13 ~~or 14~~, wherein the closed end of the tube [[(29)]] has disposed therein an annular rubber cushion [[(32)]] and a bottom plug [[(33)]] with a hole for receiving the spike [[(2)]] of the lowermost marker [[(1)]].

16. (Currently amended) A transport and storage tube [[(29)]] according to ~~any one of claims 13 to 15~~ claim 13, wherein the number of stackable golf tee markers [[(1)]] contained within comprises a quantity sufficient for servicing the teeing area of a single golf hole.

17. (Currently amended) A transport and storage tube [[(29)]] according to ~~any one of claims 13 to 16~~ claim 13, wherein the upper end has disposed thereon the hole number or other indica.

18. (Currently amended) The use of the transport and storage tubes [[(29)]] according to ~~any one of claims 13 to 17~~ claim 13, for the storage, transport, pickup or distribution of stackable golf tee markers [[(1)]].

19. (Currently amended) A golf course vehicle attachment for pickup and placement of golf tee markers [[(1)]] comprising a three-dimensionally movable arm with first and second ends pivotably connected at the first end to a base of the vehicle attachment; means for holding a pickup and placement cylinder [[(13)]] connected to the second end of the moveable arm and means for selectively manipulating the golf tee markers [[(1)]] within the pickup and placement cylinder [[(13)]].

20. (Currently amended) A golf course vehicle attachment according to claim 19, wherein the golf tee markers [[(1)]] comprises a body [[(3)]] surmounting a ground engaging portion and having in a top surface thereof a well [[(4)]] for receiving therein a ground engaging portion of another marker [[(1)]] for stacking markers [[(1)]] in a column, the well [[(4)]] having a drain hole [[(5)]] to avoid accumulation of liquid therein.

21. (Currently amended) A golf course vehicle attachment according to claim 19 ~~or 20~~, wherein the three-dimensionally movable arm is controlled by telescoping hydraulic cylinders.

22. (Currently amended) A golf course vehicle attachment according to ~~any one of claims 19 to 21~~ claim 19, wherein the three-dimensionally moveable arm is attached to a hydraulic system of the vehicle.

23. (Original) A golf course vehicle attachment according to claim 22, wherein the hydraulic system is controlled by directional control valves on a dashboard of the vehicle or on the attachment itself.

24. (Currently amended) A golf course vehicle attachment according to claim 22 ~~or 23~~, wherein hydraulic cylinders of the hydraulic system are made of standard stock with a minimum of 44 in. stroke.

25. (Currently amended) A cabinet for storing the transport and storage tubes, the cabinet having compartments for receiving the transport and storage tubes [[(29)]] ,

wherein the cabinet may be mounted on wheels and towed behind a vehicle or handled with a forklift, sling or the like.